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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
 PATRICK CHATON ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
 SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :
 (Based on PCT/FR00/02703)
 FILED: HEREWITH :
 FOR: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
 DETECTING A MOLECULAR
 RECOGNITION REACTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-¹³~~14~~.

Please add the following new claims:

¹⁴15. (New) Detection method of a molecular recognition reaction between a first molecule fixed on a support and a second molecule present in a solution to be tested, without labelling, in which the detection is made by a photothermal method.

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